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SUBJECT: DELIVERY OF SECRETARY' S FOREIGN POLICY REPORT TO
FOREIGN MINISTER

FOR: S/ PC

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1. I CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER WICKMAN APRIL 27 AND DELIVERED COPY OF 1972 FOREIGN POLICY REPORT WITH COVERING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY (REFTEL). FIRST ASCERTAINING THAT HE WAS ONE OF MANY, WICKMAN SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO BE A RECIPIENT OF THE DOCUMENT. HAVING READ LAST SENTENCE OF SECRETARY' S MESSAGE, HE ASKED WHETHER HE SHOULD REGARD THIS AS A FORMAL REQUEST FOR A COMMENTARY. I SAID I BELIEVED THE SECRETARY WAS GENUINELY INTERESTED IN ANY COMMENTS WICKMAN MIGHT HAVE. HOWEVER, IT WAS A MATTER FOR MINISTER' S OWN JUDGMENT WHETHER HE WISHED TO EXPRESS HIS VIEWS. WICKMAN SAID HE UNDERSTOOD.

2. KNOWING THAT WE HAD PROVIDED WICKMAN WITH A COPY OF EUROPE SECTION OF REPORT SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE, I SOUGHT TO DRAW HIM OUT ON WHAT HE THOUGHT OF IT. HE VENTURED NO SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS. I BELIEVE HE HAD NOT YET GOTTEN AROUND TO READING THE DOCUMENT. HE WAS INTERESTED, FOR INSTANCE, TO KNOW WHETHER THE KISSINGER
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AP SPEECH WAS RELATED TO AND CONSISTENT WITH SECRETARY' S REPORT.

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I ASSURED HIM THAT A GOOD WAY TO UNDERSTAND KISSINGER SPEECH
PROPERLY WOULD BE TO READ IT AGAINST BACKGROUND OF VIEW OF WORLD
AND OF ATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP SET FORTH IN DOS REPORT.

3. ONLY PART OF SECRETARY' S REPORT WICKMAN WAS FAMILIAR WTS.
WHEREAS MAJORITY NEW EQUIPMENT NOT YET IN SERVICE, TAW
MIGHT BE ABLE EXERCISE SOME LEVERAGE WITH ITS LEASEES TO MAXIMIZE
NUMBER OF TRUCKS AVAILABLE FOR EMERGENCY SHIPMENT AND TO
COORDINATE
THEIR MOVEMENTS9

4. EACH TAW TRAILER CAN CARRY 25 METRIC TONS BAGGED GRAIN.
TRUCKS CAN BE EXPECTED MAKE FOUR ROUND TRIPS PER MONTH FROM
ABIDJAN
TO BAMAKO FOR EXAMPLE. SEVERAL TRUCKERS HAVE ESTIMATED RATE FOR
THIS RUN AT 11,500 CFA FRANCS PER TON (PLUS 6,000 FRANCS
IF TRUCK RETURNS EMPTY).

5. RAHMAN BELIEVES THAT WITH CAREFUL ORGANIZATION MAJOR PORTION
OF THE NEW TRAILERS MIGHT BE USED FOR EMERGENCY SHIPMENT. PROBABLY
NOT ALL, BUT SOME GRAIN COULD BE LOADED DIRECTLY ABOARD TRAILERS
AT SHIPSIDE, THEN PARKED UNTIL TRACTORS SHUTTLING BETWEEN ABIDJAN
AND, SAY, BAMAKO, COULD COME FOR THEM. TO ACHIEVE RAPID TURN-
AROUND AT OTHER END, TRACTOR COULD SIMPLY UNHITCH LOADED TRAILER
AND RETURN WITH AN EMPTY ONE.

6. EMBASSY/ ADO HAVE ADVISED TAW/ GM TO CONSULT WFP REP (MATTHEY)
AND SOCOPAO FOR INFORMATION ON NON- US GRAIN PRESENTLY SCHEDULED
FOR SHIPMENT THROUGH ABIDJAN. WE PROMISED KEEP TAW/ GM UP TO DATE
CONCERNING PLANS, IF THEY DEVELOP, FOR SHIPPINGUS GRAIN THROUGH
ABIDJAN.

7. FOR BAMAKO: NOT CLEAR EXTENT TO WHICH NEW TAW EQUIPMENT
INCLUDED IN AVAILABLE VARIOUS TRUCKERS INDICATED TO TORP
(ABIDJAN 2796).
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